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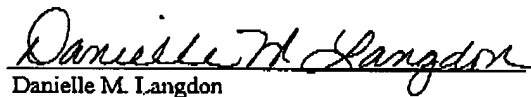
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(a) ☐ accompanies the new patent application submitted herewith. 37 CFR § 1.97(a).

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A list of the patent(s) or publication(s) is set forth on the attached Form PTO-1449.

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(h) ☒ each (i) ☐ none (j) ☐ only those listed below:

A concise explanation of relevance of the items listed on form PTO-1449 is attached hereto as Appendix A and:

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Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX A

Concise Statement of Relevance of Non-English Item Cited in Form PTO-1449

Japanese Patent No. 54030590 was cited in the prosecution of the European Application corresponding to the present application. Purportedly, this document is relevant to the cutting of ribbon cable using a laser as shown in Figures 4 and 5.